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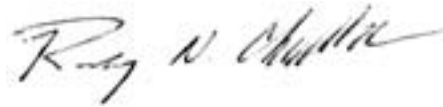
July 20, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin
Area Manager

Acting For:



Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Proposed Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club, Lake Pleasant Regional Park (LPRP), Maricopa County, Arizona
(Respond by August 18, 2006)

Reclamation is issuing a draft EA for public review and comment on the proposed construction and operation of a new marina, the Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club. A copy is attached for your information. The marina is proposed to be developed on approximately 240 acres of land along the western shore of LPRP in northern Maricopa County, Arizona. Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department manages LPRP under a Recreation Management Agreement with Reclamation, which owns the land on which LPRP is located.

The proposed marina complex would consist of the following major facilities: A paved parking area with a capacity of 420 vehicles; gravel parking areas for an additional 380 vehicles; paved driveways; a three-lane boat ramp; a 200-boat capacity dry stack watercraft storage/repair building; a wastewater treatment plant; an 800-slip wet dock; a watercraft supply store that would sell convenience items and snacks, rent watercraft, and provide office space; an eight-bay gas dock for boat fueling with separate above-ground fuel storage tank farm; and a wheelchair accessible tram to connect the main vehicle parking area with the wet dock.

The draft EA describes the existing conditions in the project area and the environmental impacts that are anticipated to result from the construction and operation of the proposed marina by Maricopa County's concessionaire. Reclamation welcomes comments regarding the adequacy of the draft EA and will take them into consideration prior to making a decision regarding whether a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate, or an environmental impact statement should be prepared. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible regarding statements found in the EA that the reader believes are incorrect, including the reasons why the reader believes they are incorrect. Please mail your comments to Mr. Bruce Ellis, Chief of the Environmental Resource Management Division, at the above address, Attention PXAO-1500, or faxogram (623) 773-6486, no later than August 18, 2006.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individuals may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., from public disclosure, but you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments.¹ We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

The document is also available on the Phoenix Area Office's website @ http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/reports/scorpionbay/sbmarina_dea.html

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ellis at (623) 773-6250. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Attachment

¹ If you wish us to consider withholding this information, you must present a rationale for withholding the information. The rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released.